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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – A.P. Forest Department – Departmental Proceedings initiated against Sri P. Surya Prakasa Rao, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), earlier Deputy Range Officer, Wildlife Management Section, Polavaram under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules 1991 – Imposing a punishment of "withholding of five percent (5%) pension for a period of one (1) year, besides recovery of Rs.2,74,553/- towards his share amount in financial loss to Government" against the Charged Officer – Orders – Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.17

Dated:21.04.2022.
Read the following:

1)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur, Lr.Rc.No.32751/2008/A&DC-3, dated 15.08.2019.
2)Memo.No.2933/Sec.IV/A1/2019, EFS & T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 26.11.2020.
3)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur, Lr.Rc.No.32751/2008/A&DC-3, dated 27.08.2021.
4)Letter.No.2933/Sec.IV/A1/2019, EFS & T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 06.01.2022.
5)From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.76/DC&C/2022, dated 31.03.2022.

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**ORDER:**

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur has informed that the following Article of Charge was issued to Sri P. Surya Prakasa Rao, the then Deputy Range Officer, Wildlife Management Section, Polavaram and I/c Wildlife Management Range, Rampachodavaram of Wildlife Management Division, Rajahmundry, erstwhile Wildlife Management Circle, Eluru by the Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry in his Ref.No.7799/2009/M8, dated 20.10.2010, under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC & A) Rules 1991:-

**Article-I**: "That he had exhibited gross negligence and dereliction of legitimate duties and recorded wrong measurement of works in the M. Books in execution of works in the E.D.Cs of Wildlife Management, Polavaram Section of Wildlife Management Division, Rajahmundry and thereby misused the Government funds to a tune of Rs.4,52,882/- ".

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the receipt of Article of Charge on 01.11.2010 and he was directed in the AoC itself to appear before the Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Circle on 08.11.2010 along with his written defense statement.

3. The Inquiry Officer & Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Circle completed the enquiry and submitted the findings along-with the connected case record vide Rc.No.7799/2009/M8, dated 18.12.2018, in which he concluded as follows:

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"On the basis of documentary and oral evidence adduced in the case and in view of the detailed reasons given above, the charges framed against Sri P. Surya Prakasa Rao, the then Deputy Range Officer, WLM Section, Polavaram and I/c WLM Range Rampachodavaram of WLM Division, Rajahmundry, erstwhile WLM Circle, Eluru, now working as Forest Range Officer (u/s) Eluru Range of Eluru Division are **"held proved beyond any reasonable doubt".**

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur has informed that five (5) Charged Officers were involved in the disciplinary case and as per check slip information the total financial loss in the case is Rs.9,08,226/-. The Delinquent Officer has remitted towards his share amount of Rs.2,74,553/- [Rs.47,496/-(Rampachodavaram Range) + Rs.2,27,057/- (Polavaram Range)] into Treasury through Challan I.D.No.2005268052018, dated 18.05.2018.

5. The Charged Officer has retired from Government service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.05.2019. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. The entire issue has been examined and it has been provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "Withholding of five percent (5%) pension for a period of one (1) year, besides recovery of Rs.2,74,553/-" (Amount was already remitted into Treasury through Challan by the Charged Officer on 18.05.2018. But the fact of remittance be taken into account while implementing the punishment) towards his share amount of financial loss to Government" against Sri P. Surya Prakasa Rao, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), earlier Deputy Range Officer, Wildlife Management Section, Polavaram under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly, a Show-cause Notice was issued by the Government to the retired Charged Officer duly indicating the quantum of punishment vide Memo., 2nd read above through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur. In the letter 3rd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur has informed that the Charged Officer has submitted his further defence statement, wherein it has been observed that there are no new/fresh/valid reasonable points.

7. In the letter 4th read above, the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has been requested to obtain and communicate the concurrence of the Commission on the proposed punishment, for taking further action in the matter.

8. In the letter 5th read above, the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, has stated that the Commission agreed with the proposal of the Government, to impose a punishment of "withholding of five percent (5%) pension for a period of one (1) year, besides recovery of Rs.2,74,553/- towards his share amount of financial loss to Government" against Sri P. Surya Prakasa Rao, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), earlier Deputy Range Officer, Wildlife Management Section, Polavaram.

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9. After careful examination of the entire matter, the Government hereby order to impose a punishment of "withholding of five percent (5%) pension for a period of one (1) year, besides recovery of Rs.2,74,553/- towards his share amount of financial loss to Government" against Sri P. Surya Prakasa Rao, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), earlier Deputy Range Officer, Wildlife Management Section, Polavaram, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

10. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P.S. Prakasa Rao, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), earlier Deputy Range Officer, Wildlife Management Section, Polavaram through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur. (w.e)

**Copy to:**

The Accountant General (A&E), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
The OSD to M (Energy, EFS & T, Mines & Geology).
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The PS to the Special Chief Secretary to Government, EFS & T Department.
SF/SC (Computer No.1131516).

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SECTION OFFICER